



INTERNATIONAL TROPICAL TIMBER ORGANIZATION

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Dear Sir/Madam,

**INTERNATIONAL FORUM - Together Towards Global Green Supply Chains – A Forest
Products Industry Initiative**
22–25 October 2019, Shanghai and Huzhou, China

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, I hereby extend an invitation to you and your colleagues to attend the International Forum, “Together Towards Global Green Supply Chains – A Forest Products Industry Initiative”, to be held on **22–25 October 2019** in Shanghai and Huzhou, China.

We are excited that the ITTO LSSC (Legal and Sustainable Supply Chain) Programme is making great progress with the organization of this International Forum, bringing together global forest industry leaders, governments and the international forest regime at this international forum, with participants anticipated from all regions of the world. Expected outcomes include an explicit commitment among relevant participating businesses to establish legal and sustainable timber supply chains, and the launch of a multi stakeholder platform for facilitating “green” business, exchanging information and aligning business standards.

This International Forum is being co-organized by ITTO, the China Timber and Wood Products Distribution Association (CTWPDA), the Centre for International Forest Products Trade (CINFT) of the National Forestry and Grassland Administration of China (NFGA), and the International Tropical Timber Technical Association (ATIBT). The Forum is also supported by the China Green Carbon Foundation (CGCF), the CTWPDA Hardwood Sub-Committee, the Shanghai Timber Trade Association (STTA) and the Global Green Supply Chains (GGSC) Secretariat.

The Forum is an initiative of the forest industry sector in partnership with ITTO and others to promote nature-based solutions within the global efforts to implement the UN Sustainable Development Goals by advancing legal and sustainable supply chains. Such supply chains will incentivize responsible production and purchasing practices while also leading to additional benefits in poverty alleviation, the creation of employment, economic growth, income generation, and substantial climate-change mitigation.

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The forum will encourage and facilitate business-to-business meetings between, importers and wood suppliers. Limited sponsorship for selected participants from developing countries, particularly the private sector, is available on request. We expect that this industry-sector initiative will be a game-changer.

Against this background, the Organizing Committee hereby invites you and any relevant colleagues to attend this International Forum. The Committee would appreciate it if you would widely inform relevant private sector representatives and other relevant stakeholders in your country of this important event in order to ensure it reflects diversified views and opinions. A detailed agenda with a list of speakers and additional information is being prepared and will be available shortly.

The Registration Form for this important event is attached to facilitate your quick reply.

We look forward to receiving your acceptance of this invitation and to welcoming you, relevant private sector representatives and other stakeholders at this International Forum, "Together towards Global Green Supply Chains – a Forest Products Industry Initiative", in Shanghai in October.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gerhard Dieterle".

Gerhard Dieterle
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